ferent users under the stream of centralised purchases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals is responsible for arranging purchases of stores required by Central Government Ministries/Departments and their subordinate offices except such categories of stores which are excluded from the scope of organisation by general or specific order. It also, if so desired by them, purchases stores required by the State Governments, local bodies, quasi-public bodies, statutory corporations and PSUs.

(b) Broad categorisation of the items is determined by the discipline generally recognised by the industry such as textile, leather, machinery and equipments, automobiles, electrical, chemicals, petro-chemicals etc.

(c) Present arrangements already provide for centralised purchase of common user items.

Appraisers of Nationadised Banks

4873. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appraisers of nationalised banks are not considered as part time employees although Supreme Court had dismissed the Government's writ petition against the industrial tribunal award;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing the award of the industrial tribunal; and

(c) the number of appraisers attached to banks at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The reference to Supreme Court case presumably relates to the SLP filed in the Supreme Court by Indian Bank. Indian Bank has reported that after the dismissal of its SLP, filed in the Supreme Court, it has implemented the Award of the Industrial Tribunal, Madras and has absorbed jewel appraisers as part time clerks on half scale wages and that they have been paid arrears of salary etc. with effect from 1.4.1977. The total number of appraisers engaged on contract basis and who were covered under Award of the Industrial Tribunal, Madras and subsequently absorbed as part-time clerks in the Bank is 347.

[*Translation*]

Revival of RBHM Jute Mills Katihar (Bihar)

4874. SHRI SUKHDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9073 on May 16, 1990 and state.

(a) the progress made so far regarding the revival and rehabilitation scheme of RBHM Jute Mills Katihar (Bihar);

(b) the steps being taken by the government to expedite the revival of the mill, and

(c) the number of workers out of those who were unemployed due to closure of the mills are likely to be rehabilited after the completion of the revival scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). A scheme for the revival and rehabilitation of RBHM Jute Mills was taken up during 1988 and completed in 1990 at a cost of Rs. 3.75 crores.

(c) The workers rendered surplus due to implementation of the rehabili-station scheme were reduced by retirement of superannu-